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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING )  
ARACHIDONIC ACID-CONTAINING )  
LIPID AND DIHOMO- $\gamma$ -LINOLENIC )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

In claim 7, line 2, please delete "or 6".

In claim 10, line 2, please delete "or 9".

In claim 17, line 5, please delete "to 16".

In claim 18, line 6, please delete "to 16".

In claim 19, line 2, please delete "or 18".

In claim 20, line 2, please delete "or 18".